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House Resolution No. 4128

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of landmark sites that enhance the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, the history of Caledonia Community Village Park of Washington County, Missouri, can be traced to a 1981 conversation between Mrs. Muriel Akers and Mr. Kenneth Queen, longtime residents of the town of Caledonia; and

Whereas, during the next six years, those two citizens proved influential in the establishment of bylaws for a temporary Caledonia Community Park Board that subsequently obtained five acres within the Caledonia city limits from the Eversole family; and

Whereas, after paying off all debts, the formal Park Association Board was dissolved and the care and maintenance of the land was granted to the Village of Caledonia Trustees; and

Whereas, on July 25, 1987, a formal mortgage burning was held, and the Village of Caledonia Trustees in turn granted perpetual care and beautification rights for the Community Village Park to the Caledonia Community Betterment organization; and

Whereas, in 2006 the Caledonia Community Betterment organization enlisted the assistance of Miss Bellevue Valley Queen contestants to raise funds for such park improvements as a new flagpole, plantings, playground equipment, and memorial bricks and benches; and

Whereas, on the eve of the Twentieth Anniversary of its establishment, the Caledonia Community Park Board has three of the original members who are still alive, Charles Sutton (Charter Vice-Chair), Willard Rieffer, and Leon Camillo; and

Whereas, on Saturday, July 28, 2007, the Caledonia Community Betterment organization will celebrate Twenty Years in the history of Community Village Park through a series of appropriately festive events:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with Caledonia Community Village Park and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as they celebrate the Twentieth Anniversary of the founding of their public park; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Community Village Park of Caledonia, Missouri.

Offered by Representative J.C. Kuessner District No. 152
I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify the the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4128, adopted June 27, 2007.
Rod Jetton, Speaker